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SB 298

RM 405

3 p.m.

"Revise Wildland Urban Interface"

Restore property rights by voting YES on SB 298

TESTIMONY

History:

- DEQ initiated Wildland Urban Interface by getting SB131 and SB51 passed. SB131 dealt with subdivision and SB 51 had all of the Fire Chiefs in each County map their County. The Fire Chiefs thought the map was to be used for landowners to obtain grants to clear brush.

Although 1 million \$ was paid out in grants what is the loss in actual value of land now being called a HIGH FIRE HAZZARD?

- The Wildland Urban Interface is being used within growth policies in counties as one of the tools to shut down an industry of subdivision, construction and **jobs**. Developers, Realtors, Construction workers, Office Workers, Sub-contractors, Banks and their employees.
- **The only reasons for voting "NO" on SB298 are because:**
 - * You don't stand for Montana's' Constitution which says that property rights are the basis for Montanas' economy!
 - * You don't care if the Counties continue to be sued because of the 5th and 14th Amendments –wasting taxpayers money.
 - * You feel no responsibility in protecting generations of families toil over the years.
 - * You believe in socialism. It didn't work where my husband is from. It didn't work in Russia. I've seen it.

EXAMPLE: If you (personally) bought and paid 200K for 100 acres yesterday and then the WUI came in today, and designated your investment as HIGH FIRE HAZZARD, WOULD IT BE WORTH THE SAME 200k ? NO

You couldn't re-sell it, you couldn't do anything with it. You'd be forced to give away as open-space or conservation easement but you'd still be paying on that mortgage. This is the underlying thread.

Question: Why does Missoula, Helena and Bozeman pay dues to ICLEI- a direct arm of United Nations and new world order? (They've been members since 2007)

- The Land-Use Regulations takings must compensate landowners.
THAT WOULD BE ...PAY EVERY LANDOWNER IN THE STATE!
- **Loss in value due to the WUI needs to be restored back to all landowners in Montana with a yes vote on SB 298.**

Thank you,

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63% of
all PRIVATE
LAND

